



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 31, 2007

H.R. 512 **Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 23, 2007*

H.R. 512 would establish a commission to develop a plan for creating and maintaining a National Museum of the American Latino Community in Washington, D.C. Under the act, the 23-member commission would report its recommendations for the museum to the Congress within two years of its first meeting. For the purpose of carrying out the commission's responsibilities, the act would authorize the appropriation of \$3.2 million over the next two years.

Based on information provided by the National Park Service and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend about \$3 million over the next two years to establish the commission and to develop a plan for the proposed museum. Most of this amount would be spent for feasibility studies and other research. We estimate that enacting H.R. 512 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 512 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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